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DOJ: In my opinion, it is time for us to get on with business. Microsoft should never have been indicted in the first place. Yes, they are tough, aggressive competitors. But the witch hunt which was begun during the Clinton Administration was political, and was precipitated by a couple of cry babies named Larry Ellison and Scott McNealy. I am a share holder in Microsoft, Oracle, and Sun Microsystems. While Gates and Ballmer continue to innovate and look to the future, Ellison and McNealy wallow in self pity. One need only look at their annual reports and stock prices to see who's on the right track. Intense competition is the American way. Let the judgement stand, counsel the nine renegade states to get aboard with the rest of our country, and let's encourage the technology industry to do what they do best - innovate. It is an injustice to hold the world's economies hostage - to any degree - to this ill-found litigation which was based on feeble claims by Ellison and McNealy, and carried out -but never proven - by litigators influenced by personal agendas, and an industry vendetta. I encourage you to close the books on this case (no pun intended, as I believe Steve Case was the third proponent of this misdirected prosecution!). Thanks for your consideration. Peter C. Palette, 01/02/02

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